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In re reissue Application of :
Brown, et al. :
Application No. 10/086,920 :
Filed: March 1, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. 06912.0188-00000 :

DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a),
filed June 4, 2003.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified reissue application was filed on March 1, 2002,
without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, on April 17, 2002,
applicant was mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue
Application - Filing Date Granted," requiring, *inter alia*, an executed
oath or declaration, together with the surcharge for its late filing.
This Notice set a two-month period for reply.

In reply, applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on November
18, 2002, and paid the surcharge for late filing of the declaration.
To make timely this reply, applicant obtained a five month extension
of time.¹ Accompanying the petition was a declaration executed by
joint inventors Steven Joseph Brown, Larry Stefan Ingram, and Neale
Arthur Messina, but lacking a signature from joint inventor Marek
Tarczynski.

However, the 37 CFR 1.47(a) petition was dismissed in a decision
mailed on April 8, 2003. Rule 47 applicant did not submit a
declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 because the declaration
contained an uninitialed alteration to the address of Messina.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the
non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or
declaration after having been presented with the application papers
(specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration); (2) an
acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63; (3) the
petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the
non-signing inventors.

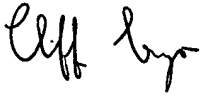
¹ November 17, 2002 fell on a Sunday. See 37 CFR 1.7(a).

On renewed petition, rule 47 applicant has submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. The other requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) were previously satisfied with the petition filed on November 18, 2002. Accordingly, the above-identified application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the last known address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0272.



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In re reissue Application of
Steven Joseph Brown, Larry Stefan
Ingram, Neale Arthur Messina, Marek
Tarczynski
Application No. 10/086,920
Filed: March 1, 2002
Title: INFLATOR CAPABLE OF MODULATION
AIR BAG INFLATION RATE IN A VEHICLE
OCCUPANT RESTRAINT APPARATUS

LETTER

Dear Mr. Tarczynski:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 USC 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, agent of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (703) 305-0272. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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